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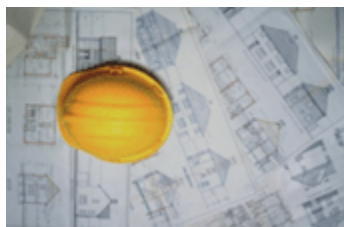
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Library Expansion Plans Move Forward



Thanks to the efforts of President Grube and the Georgia Southern University administration, in June 2001 the Board of Regents approved an increase in the size of the Henderson Library expansion plans. The project budget was raised from about \$15 million to \$22,751,000. This will enable us to add about 101,000 gross square feet to our existing building. We are now in the process of selecting an architectural firm to design the expanded building.

A formal building program proposal was adopted for this project in July 2001 and it is available for short term loan at the Library reserve desk, under the title "Building Program for Henderson Library Addition". The program identifies two major objectives. First, provide easy access to content in all formats for study and research. Second, create an interactive learning environment for users.

Accomplishing the first objective will include having the capacity to maintain a 1.1 million materials collection on-site, maximizing in-building storage to avoid off-site storage, and creating a facility that moves away from simply warehousing materials and toward a model of seamless information access.

Meeting the second objective will involve tripling the available public seating, providing a greater variety of study and research spaces (quiet study, collaborative study), creating an "information commons" that

combines print and electronic reference sources and services, establishing a congregating area to provide a sense of community, and introducing new electronic services such as self-production hardware and software.

The driving principle is to create a library that supports active learning. The information commons and reference/research assistance desk will be the places seen first upon entering the library. This conjunction of access and service will facilitate interaction between patrons, information resources, and Library personnel. An emphasis will be placed on merging and integrating access by enabling the use of physical materials and electronic information in a single central location.

The work, research, and study components of the Library will be designed to support active and reflective learning. Both highly active and quiet spaces will be of equal importance.

The new building will make it easier for Library personnel to tailor services to meet faculty and student needs. Moving the Center for Excellence in Teaching to the library building will not only make the Center more easily accessible, but will also facilitate collaboration between CET and Library personnel to explore new means of supporting the faculty's instructional goals.

In short, the key to the expansion project is providing sufficient and flexible space so that library services and operations can be improved for the benefit of the Georgia Southern community. We look forward to offering opportunities this fall for the campus community to provide input into our planning process. For additional information you may contact Bede Mitchell, Dean of the Library and University Librarian (681-5115 or wbmitch@georgiasouthern.edu), or Ann Hamilton, Associate Dean of the Library and Associate University Librarian (681-5115 or ahamilton@georgiasouthern.edu).

"After Noon" Carillon Recital For Sale on Compact Disc

A carillon recital by Dr. Michael Braz, professor of music at Georgia Southern, was recorded this past summer and is now available on compact disc for \$15 from Henderson Library. The CD was sponsored by the Friends of Zach S. Henderson Library and proceeds go toward the purchase of materials for the Library's collections.

Dr. Braz's 53 minute program is intended to take the listener musically through one academic year, with the beginning of the fall semester heralded by the *Alma Mater* and an exploration by newcomers of what the university has to offer, represented by Moussorgsky's *Promenade*. The term proceeds with some selections that Dr. Braz had programmed during his Tuesday/Thursday 15 minute "After Noon" carillon recitals, including his own composition inspired by the creek that runs near the football practice fields. Fall semester comes to an end with holiday tunes and a celebration of the new year. The recital continues through spring semester, tax season (*Solace*), final exams (*Evening Prayer*), and culminates with graduation and the traditional college tune *Gaudeamus Igitur*.

To purchase the compact disc, visit the Circulation Desk or click here for [more details](#).

See our [weekly schedule of Carillon Mini-concerts](#).

Library Catalog Facilitates Searching All USG Library Holdings

A new feature of the Library's online catalog Voyager is the capability of searching simultaneously all or any combination of the University System of Georgia library catalogs. From the Library Catalog home page - <http://gil.georgiasouthern.edu/> - select either Basic Search or More Options Search. Click on the **Other Databases** button. Follow the on-screen instructions to select the library catalogs you wish to search. The

simplest choice would be to click on the first library in the "GALILEO Interconnected Libraries" list and then hold down the shift key and click on the last library in that list. That selects all available University System of Georgia Libraries, including UGA and Georgia State University. After selecting libraries, click on connect. Enter your search terms, select your search type, and click on search. You will see a search results table. Click on Show in the lower right corner of the table to see your search results.

Simultaneous searching will make it easier for faculty and students to identify materials held at other campuses that are readily available for borrowing. And borrowing itself will become even easier with the introduction in Spring Semester of Universal Borrowing (UB). UB will enable library users to request books from other campuses electronically, immediately after identifying them through a catalog search. Requested books should be delivered within four days or less.

Henderson Library's Academic Program Review

Along with the other Georgia Southern University academic programs, the Zach S. Henderson Library's services and collections underwent an intensive program review during the fall of 2000. The Library report is among all of the academic program reviews that have been studied by the Strategic Planning Council and forwarded to the Provost. The reports will eventually be given to the President for final decisions on the recommendations.

Among the highlights of the Library's program review are recommendations relating to improving faculty and student access to scholarly resources, expanding the Library building to accommodate growing collections and various modes of learning, assessing the effectiveness of services, and teaching the skills for finding, evaluating, and using information that should be mastered by Georgia Southern graduates. The full text of the report may be found in .pdf format at http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/cio/program_analysis.pdf.

New Faculty and Staff Loan Period

The book circulation period for faculty and staff is now the entire academic year. Regardless of when an item is checked out, it will be due May 3. However, these items may be recalled by another patron after 21 days unless they are renewed. Patrons may renew online or place recalls using the "Your Account" feature of the online catalog.

Henderson Library Adds New Electronic Business Databases

The Zach S. Henderson Library is pleased to announce licensed Web-based access to Hoovers Online and PiranhaWeb. You may access these databases on campus from the Library's "[Journal, Magazine, Newspaper and Other Databases](#)" Web page or by clicking on the links that appear in the database descriptions below. If you are off campus you may access the databases by following the instructions found at <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/main/pass/password.htm>

Hoovers Online - Company profiles, historical (past 4-5 years) company financial reports, and market and industry data on thousands of U.S. and foreign companies, with links to company filings. Publication and journal searches may be done through GALILEO. URL: <http://www.hoovers.com>

Type in the company name or ticker symbol to get started.

PiranhaWeb - Company profiles, historical (past ten years) company financial reports, balance sheets, income statements, cash flow statements, and financial ratios analyses (past five years), earnings estimates, market and industry data, and company filings for companies traded on U.S. exchanges. Open spreadsheet financials in Excel. URL: http://www.primark.com/dga_logon/search.cgi/?parm1=gsubasic

Type in the company name or ticker symbol to get started.

Essay and General Literature Database Added to GALILEO

[GALILEO](#), our statewide aggregation of electronic information resources, has added H. W. Wilson's Essay and General Literature Index, a unique database of information on thousands of essays compiled in anthologies and collections. This database focuses on the humanities and social sciences, with subject coverage ranging from economics, political science and history to criticism of literary works, drama and film. Currently delivering information on approximately 59,370 essays from 4,855 collections, Essay and General Literature Index encourages greater use of library collections by providing easy access to the wealth of literature often hidden in compilation works. The database will be found under several GALILEO categories: Arts and Humanities, Reference Sources, and Social Sciences.

New Online Tutorial Teaches Library and Research Skills

GALILEO now offers a new tutorial service called The Online Library Learning Center: <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/> This site teaches the following:

- * The nature of information, how information about a topic develops and grows, and how understanding this can aid in research (Unit 1)
- * Developing a research question and understanding the research process (Unit 2)
- * Identifying the needed research tools for your task (Unit 2, 5, 6, 7)
- * The physical library -- how it's organized (Unit 3)
- * Databases and catalogs -- how they work (Unit 4)
- * Using GALILEO for locating periodical articles and other materials (Unit 5)
- * Using GIL for finding books and other library materials (Unit 7)
- * Tips for searching the Internet (Unit 7)
- * Copyright, style manuals and citing sources (Unit 8)
- * Evaluating sources (Unit 9)
- * Information for Distance Education Students (Unit 10)

The site was produced as part of the eCore Project and funded by the Desktop Learning Initiative. The content was developed by librarians from a number of USG campuses and Board of Regents technical staff.

New Digital Printer Makes Excellent Prints from Microform

The Library has a new digital printer for both microfilm and microfiche. As is the case with our other microfilm and fiche printers, we do not charge for printing from these. Due to the new digital process they

use, these new machines are capable of making excellent copy even from poor originals such as old newspapers or ERIC documents.

Special Collections Swamped! New Acquisitions



The alligators of Suwanee Lake often swim fearlessly within fifteen or twenty feet of a boat. The photo was taken at Suwanee Lake, Ware County, by Francis Harper on June 28, 1929.

Click for [larger photo](#).

Since receiving a valuable collection of original Okefenokee material from Dr. Del Presley two years ago, [Special Collections](#) has been concerned to increase its holdings of published works on the Swamp. Now Dr. Christy Trowell, Professor Emeritus of History at South Georgia College and premier historian of the Okefenokee, has generously donated a rich trove of his extensive writings on the Swamp. These twenty-four separate items include his books on a wide range of Swamp history: the Native American settlements, place names, explorations, surveys, road-building, fires, timber companies, canals ... the list goes on. He also donated a full run of the *OWL* (Okefenokee Wildlife League) *News*, in which substantial articles on the Swamp have appeared. Dr. Trowell further alerted us to the presence on campus of Dr. Fredrick Rich, an expert on the geology of, among other places, the Swamp. Dr. Rich in turn donated books and articles he has written on the area, including his Ph.D. dissertation about tree islands of the Okefenokee. We have also acquired scientific articles by Eugene Cypert, a somewhat mysterious, or at least obscure, figure who wrote on the Swamp's ecology in the 1970's.

Don't miss Special Collections' latest web exhibit - "[In Bloom: Off to the Woods with Dr. George Rogers](#)." Professor of History Emeritus Dr. Rogers remains active both in research and in botanical matters - he is a volunteer at [GSU's Botanical Garden](#). This exhibit is a virtual hike through the forest with Dr. Rogers, discovering some intimate secrets about local wild plants, principally the *Elliotia racemosa*, or "Georgia Plume." This plant usually blooms in July and is therefore dormant for another year now. Last year, Dr. Rogers helped us to acquire Miss Clermont Lee's outstanding collection of material, original and published, on the *Elliotia* and the Harrold Nature Preserve in Candler County.



Elliotia racemosa

A rusted pistol, brass knuckles, deeds to the first acres of GSU (300 of them) as well as to later additions, a fat bundle of bounced checks (1914-1920), an honorable discharge from the Army, insurance policies, an agreement between a local man in jail and President Marvin Pittman (January 1944) that the man will work for the College and change his ways if the College pays his bail: these are only a sampling of the plethora of legal and financial documents, from the earliest days of GSU (at first known as First District A&M School) to

the early fifties, recently found in an old safe in the Controller's Office and moved thence to Special Collections - although the pistol and brass knuckles were not retained. Being legal and financial, the documents are mostly depressing. The Trustees were sued for non-payment by the builder of the original three buildings (now the Administration Building and Anderson and Deal Halls - both named for Trustees) in 1909 and threatened with such a suit by the Sea Island Bank in 1911. The School's land and structures had to be mortgaged to secure its debt. These documents reveal the financial survival of the School as an amazing achievement. Special Collections means to preserve the papers, some browned and brittle, as long as possible; therefore, photocopies have been made as user's copies, while the originals will repose in acid-free folders.

2001-2002 Library Renovation Plans

Several renovation projects are planned for the Library during the coming year. Some will be fairly small and should not have a great deal of impact on Library customers and employees. Others will be more noticeable, but when they are completed the improvements will be equally noticeable.

The project that is expected to take the longest and have the greatest impact on customers and employees will be the completion of the fourth floor. This project is being made possible with a combination of university funds and a generous bequest from Mrs. Huldah C. Mingleddorff. The unfinished area that has been used to store the pre-1970 periodicals will become a large reading room known as the Lorimer Reading Room, and Special Collections will move from its current location to a newly finished area adjoining the elevator. The final step of the project will be the recarpeting of the entire fourth floor. The expected date for carpeting is December. Please keep that in mind as you plan your classes and personal research. Special Collections will move to temporary quarters within the Library. The periodical collection will be stored outside the Library until the completion of the new addition to the building - a minimum of four to five years. While that collection is stored outside the Library, materials will be delivered to the Library for customers. That process may take as much as 24-hours depending on the final site chosen for storing the collection.



The first floor is also scheduled for new carpet. The project will begin the week after finals and will be completed as early in the spring semester as possible. Computer and classroom access will be given the highest priority for completion.

The restrooms on first, third and fourth floors will be refurbished so they more nearly resemble the restroom on second floor that was renovated several years ago. Every effort will be made to prevent problems with graffiti that have been a challenge for a number of years.

New lighting will be installed on second floor as it was last year on third and fourth floors. The same level of improvement is expected.

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